4. Improvement in Time tabling to provide a clear path.

5. Improvement in standard of maintenance to reduce equipment failures.

6. Counselling and motivating staff to ensure punctual running. Liaison with State Government to tackle the Law and Order problems and miscreant activities.

Increasing lease occupancy level of luggage

1716. SHRI SU. THIRUNAVUKKARASAR:

SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BALAPTE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways are planning to increase the lease occupancy level of luggage parcel van to the private companies;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. With a view to maximize the utilization of the space in the luggage compartments of the front Brakevans (SLRs) of passenger carrying trains and to provide value-added services to the rail customers, parcel space in the front Brakevans (SLRs) of passenger carrying trains is leased out to private participants by inviting bids through open tenders. Similarly, leasing of space is also permitted for parcel vans on round-trip basis.

(c) Does not arise.

Demands for introduction of train services in Behrampur

1717. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that during the last visit of the Railway Minister to Behrampur, Orissa, the people of the area have made certain demands of introduction of train services and taking up of passenger amenities works;

(b) if so, the details of the demands so made by the public;

(c) whether Government have considered these demands; and